potential brackish water in each of the littoral States is as follows:

State	Potenial brackish water areas (hectares)
Andhra Pradesh . . .	17,000
Gujarat	1,87,000
Karnataka	85,000
Kerala	1,21,400
Maharashtra . . .	14,450
Orissa	15,330
Tamil Nadu . . .	80,000
West Bengal . . .	3,00,000

(b) It is estimated that about 37,000 hectares are being utilised for fish and prawn farming.

(c) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme is in operation for development of brackish water areas for culture of prawn and fiish. The scheme commenced during tahe middle of Sixth Plan and is proposed to be continued during the Seventh Plan.

(d) The outlay for the Seventh Plan is not yet finalised.

Collection of development charges from Laxmi Nagar, Shakarpur and Pandav Nagar, Delhi

2899. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether DDA and Municipal Corporation of Delhi have taken any decision about collecting development charges to be recovered from the houseowners in regularised unauthorised colonies in Laxmi Nagar, Shakarpur and Pandav Nagar; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Development charges for providing water supply, sewerage, SW drains, culverts, roads and paths recoverable from houseowners on plotted area in unauthorised colonies since regularised in Laxmi Nagar, Shakarpur and Pandav Nagar have been tentatively fixed by the DDA at the rate of Rs. 95 per square metre. As per the existing orders, these development charges are recoverable in the following three stages:—

(i) 25% of the total charges recoverable in advance before the actual start of the works.

(ii) 50% at the time of giving connections from the water supply lines.

(iii) Balance 25% at the time of giving connections from sewer lines.

Various aspects of the matter are are under consideration A number of problems in this connection will have to be considered.

Selection of production assistants

2900. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether from 4th December to 6th December, 1984 selection for the post of production assistants in Delhi Doordarshan and Upgrah Doordarshan was held;

(b) whether a pannel of 34 has been prepared and 5 production as-

sistants have been taken amongst whom 12 are freshers in this job; and

(c) if some the criteria for such selection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) The interviews were held from the 4th December to 6th December, 1984 for selecting candidates for appointment to the posts of Production Assistants in Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi only.

(b) Of the empanelled 34 candidates, whereas 9 have since been appointed as Production Assistants on regular basis. 5 others have been engaged in the same capacity on monthly contract basis pending complemalities. Besides, an offer of appointment has been made to another candidate.

Of these 15 persons eight have had experience of working on casual or regular staff artists basis in different capacities in Doordarshan and the ramaining seven candidates possess qualificcations/related knowlege of similar jobs outside.

(c) The selections were made by the duly constituted Selection Committee after evaluating the relative suitability of the eligible candidates called for the interview.

Casual Production Assistants

2901. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of casual production assistants in Delhi Doordarshan and Upgrah Doordarshan have been working for years together;

(b) if so, the number of those who have been working as casual for more than four years;

(c) the steps being taken to absorb them on regular basis;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have received representation about six months back in this regard; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to redress their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) There are in all ten persons who have been engaged from time to time over a period of 4 years or more as Production Assistant on casual assignment basis in Doordarshan Kendra and Upgraha Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi.

(c) to (e) The representations for regular appointment of such persons have been received from time to time. However, these persons do not qualify for regular appointment in terms of the criteria prescribed for the purpose.

Subsidising wheat for exports

2902. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to subsidise wheat for export to reduce the increasing stocks; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) There is no proposal under consideration for subsidizing wheat exports.

(b) Does not arise.